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29 November 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Geographic and Cartographic Research  
THROUGH : OGCR Administrative Staff  
SUBJECT : Attendance at Joint Session of the Southeastern  
and Middle Atlantic Divisions of the Association  
of American Geographers, Fredericksburg, Virginia,  
21 - 23 November 1976.

1. My primary purpose in attending this meeting was to begin to establish closer liaison between Agency and academic geographers. The objective was accomplished with far greater success than I had anticipated. Without exception my overtures for a closer relationship were warmly received. My academic brethren were eager to talk to me about Geography at CIA and, with minimum urging on my part, extended invitations to visit their campuses.

2. I was able to renew acquaintances with old friends and make promising contacts with geographers at Georgia State (President-elect Carter's son was a geography major there until he joined his father on the campaign trail), VPI, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida State, University of Georgia, Maryland, Mary Washington, Towson State, George Mason, Virginia State College, and others. The "CIA, Geography Division" on my identification tag apparently scared off no one; on the contrary it may have attracted some people. What a contrast from my visit at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) a couple of years ago when my reception was cool-to-barely-correct!

3. I indicated to selected professors and department heads that we were being urged by top Agency officials to make every effort to be more open in our dealing with the academic world, to use their talents and expertise when appropriate, and to share our knowledge (within security limits). I noted that in addition to our ongoing Intern Program, we were considering the initiation of a Visiting Geographer Program whereby selected faculty people with expertise relevant to our needs would be invited to work with us on projects. The response was unanimous: "Count us in!"

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4. Among the several hundred attendees at the meeting, I saw only one black geographer. He is a professor at Virginia State College and is working on his doctorate at Clark University. He responded with considerable interest to my overtures about his joining the Agency. I will, of course, follow up on this promising lead. In addition to the prospective recruit at Virginia State, a professor whose judgement I value suggested that we might be interested in hiring a former student of his (also black) who is currently employed in Atlanta. The professor was enthusiastic about this individual's overall competence. As in the previous case, I will contact this man - after coordinating with [redacted] in Office of Personnel.

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